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LETTER

Dear Mr. Kinney

You are named as the inventor in the above-identified United States reissue patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a reissue patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the inventor.

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